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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR DR. RALPH PHILLIPS (FAS/IO)

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TAGS: FAO, EAGR
SUBJ: REPORT OF CRITICAL FOOD SITUATION IN GUYANA

1. FOLLOWING IS TELEGRAM FOR DR. PHILLIPS AND FOR DON HATHAWAY
OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, FROM ANELIESE
BINDER OF FAO'S GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FAO
REFERENCE NUMBER OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS FAOB44479

2. QUOTE REFERENCE SPECIAL CROP REPORT FAO EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.
ACCORDING TO A CABLE OF 15 DECEMBER FROM GUYANA GOVERNMENT LIAISON
OFFICER UNDER GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM OF FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE, 1976 WEATHER HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY UNFAVOURABLE
FOR CRIPS AND LIVESTOCK. EXCESSIVE RAINFALL AND FREQUENT FLOOD-
INGS OCCURRED FROM NOVEMBER 1975 TO JULY 1976. UNSEASONAL DROUGHT
WAS REPORTED FROM AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 1976. RAINS BROKE IN LATE
NOVEMBER AND CONDITIONS ARE SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL. THE ANNUAL
RICE CROP WAS REDUCED BY 25 PERCENT TO 112,000 TONS AND MAIZE CROP
BY 65 PERCENT. PASTURE AND FORAGE NUTRIENT INTAKE REDUCED BY
50 PERCENT SO THAT ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR FEEDGRAIN IMPORTS
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OF ABOUT 6,000 TONS, IF POSSIBLE FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 1977.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: DURING PAST THREE YEARS RICE PRODUCTION
(MILLED EQUIVALENT) AVERAGED 140,000 TONS AND EXPORTS ABOUT
60,000 TONS PER YEAR. MAIZE PRODUCTION DURING SAME PERIOD WAS
ABOUT 4,000 TONS PER YEAR, WHILE IMPORTS WERE 5,000 TONS IN 1974/75
(JULY/JUNE) AND ABOUT 1,000 TONS DURING PREVIOUS TWO YEARS.

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